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SUBJECT: CUBAN EMBASSY DENIES CUBAN PARTICIPATION IN SHABA FIGHTING

1. AS PART OF MAY 25 ARTICLE IN MAPUTO DAILY PAPER NOTICIAS
ON FIGHTING IN SHABA, SECTIONS WERE QUOTED OF A DIPLOMATIC
NOTE DISTRIBUTED BY THE CUBAN EMBASSY IN MAPUTO REPORTING
STATEMENTS MADE BY THE CUBAN FOREIGN MINISTRY ON THE SHABA
SITUATION. FOLLOWING IS EMBASSY TRANSLATIONS OF QUOTES FROM THAT
NOTE: BEGIN TEXT:

THE AUTHORITIES OF ZAIRE HAVE MADE CHARGES AGAINST CUBA
WHICH ATTEMPT TO IMPLICATE OUR COUNTRY IN THE RECENT EVENTS.
SIMILAR CHARGES WERE MADE ABOUT A YEAR AGO BY MOBUTO WHEN HE
UNILATERALLY SUSPENDED RELATIONS BETWEEN ZAIRE AND CUBA.
CUBA DOES NOT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE FORCES NOW FIGHTING
IN SHABA AGAINST THE MOBUTU REGIME AND THE GOVERNMENT OF CUBA
REAFFIRMS THAT THERE DOES NOT NOW EXIST NOR HAS THERE EVER
EXISTED, COLLABORATION BETWEEN CUBA AND THESE FORCES.
CUBA DID NOT EQUIP, NOR TRAIN, NOR HAVE ANY PARTICIPATION
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IN THEIR ACTIONS. AND THERE ARE NO CUBAN SOLDIERS
OR TECHNICIANS IN ZAIRE. THE STATES OF MOBUTU
ONE OF THE REACTIONARY, PRO-IMPERIALIST, BLOODY
AND CORRUPT LEADERS OF AFRICA. ARE MEANT TO SERVE THE
INTERESTS OF THE OLD COLONIAL POWERS THAT SEEK TO HELP
ZAIRE IN THE FACE OF ITS SERIOUS INTERNAL PROBLEMS.
ALL THIS HAS TOO LONG GONE ON IN ORDER TO JUSTIFY THE

SHAMFUL INTERVENTION BY NATO POWERS INTO MATTERS WHICH
ARE COMPLETELY INTERNAL TO ZAIRE. THE CUBAN GOVERNMENT
CATEGORICALLY DENIES THE FALSE AND IRRESPONSIBLE
CHARGES OF THE ZAIRE REGIME. END TEXT.

2. EMBASSY HAS NOT RECEIVED A COPY OF THE CUBAN NOTE.
WE ASSUME SIMILAR NOTES HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY CUBAN
EMBASSIES IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
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